

## **Public Notice**

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Application No. 2007-00597

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Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Floating Community Dock at Gregg Branch Mile 0.2, Left Bank, Watauga River Mile 49.9, Left Bank, Watauga Lake, Johnson County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Mr. Richard Maxey
M&R Development

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LOCATION: Water's Edge Subdivision, Gregg Branch Mile 0.2, Left Bank, Watauga River Mile 49.9, Left Bank, Watauga Lake, Johnson County, Tennessee WGS-84: N36.309444; W-81.952499, Elk Mills, TN USGS Quadrangle

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct a floating community boat dock to provide convenient lake access and moorage for potential homeowners of the Water's Edge Subdivision Homeowners Association. The dock structure would have overall dimensions of 620' wide x 38' lakeward, with a 6' x 62' walkway, capable of mooring 40 private vessels. It would be constructed of steel, with composite/wood decking and encased flotation. It would be anchored with concrete anchors and steel cables.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments.

All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments may be used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments may also be used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

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Other federal and state approvals may be required for the proposed work. Specifically, the Tennessee Valley Authority would require approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before the expiration date will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Ms. Deborah T. Tuck, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7518. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. Please direct any questions relative to the TVA 26a permit to Ms. Konnie Lewis, Holston-Cherokee-Douglas Watershed Team, 106 Tri-Cities Business Park Drive, Gray, Tennessee 37615, telephone (423) 467-3805.

Detailed plans of the proposed work are available upon request. If you received this notice by mail and wish to view all of the diagrams, visit our web site at <a href="http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/notices.htm">http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/notices.htm</a>, or contact Ms. Tuck at the above address or phone number.





